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PEKING RADIO AND "PEOPLE'S DAILY" TODAY CARRIED BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION AND PRESIDENT FORD'S ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. "PEOPLE'S DAILY" ITEM WAS INCONSPICUOUSLY BURIED ON PAGE SIX. IT NOTED NIXON STATEMENT THAT HE HAD OPENED THE DOOR TOWARD RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AND CARRIED FIRST REFERENCE TO WATERGATE IN PRC OPEN MEDIA. TEXT FOLLOWS: AMERICAN PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION FROM HIS PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES; VICE PRESIDENT FORD ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY. NCNA AUGUST 9, 1974. ACCORDING TO THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, AMERICAN PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON IN A SPEECH ON NATIONAL TELEVISION ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 8 ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE DUTIES OF
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PRESIDENT AND THE ASSUMPTION OF THESE DUTIES BY VICE

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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD. NIXON SAID "FROM THE DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HAD WITH CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER LEADERS, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT BECAUSE OF THE WATERGATE MATTER, I MIGHT NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT...THAT I WOULD CONSIDER NECESSARY... TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF PRESIDENT." HE SAID, "THEREFORE, I SHALL RESIGN THE PRESIDENCY EFFECTIVE AT NOON TOMORROW (AUGUST 9). VICE PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT AT THAT HOUR." IN HIS SPEECH, NIXON REFERRED TO AMERICAN FOREIGN RELATIONS DURING HIS FIVE AND ONE-HALF YEARS IN OFFICE. IN THIS HE NOTED, "WE HAVE UNLOCKED THE DOOR THAT FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY STOOD BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA". AFTER NIXON'S SPEECH, FORD MADE A SHORT TELEVISED SPEECH. END TEXT.
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